

## COVID-19

# SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING



**Monday, August 10, 2020**

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The Snohomish Health District on Monday released the latest snapshot of metrics covering July 16-30, showing a slight decrease in confirmed cases. The slight downward trend in confirmed cases is promising and shows the wearing of face coverings and limiting social contacts by Snohomish County residents is working. To further turn the corner, we need everyone to mask up and limit their in-person social contacts to no more than five people outside your home each week.

See the snapshot at <https://www.snohd.org/DocumentCenter/View/4522/August-10th-COVID-19-Update-data-through-week-ending-August-7th>

See the full weekly report at <https://www.snohd.org/DocumentCenter/View/4522/August-10th-COVID-19-Update-data-through-week-ending-August-7th>

## SNOHOMISH COUNTY SNAPSHOT

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### COVID-19 ACTIVITY AND CAPACITY IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Snohomish County moved to Phase 2 on June 5. The Snohomish Health District monitors these metrics and submits a weekly report to the Washington State Department of Health.



#### COVID-19 ACTIVITY

COVID-19 ACTIVITY	TARGET	CURRENT	CHANGE SINCE LAST REPORT
Confirmed cases reported July 26 - August 1, 2020	<25 cases / 100,000 residents / 14 days	85.0	↓ from 89.4
Trends in hospitalization for lab-confirmed COVID-19	flat or decreasing	increasing	↑

### STATE REPORTS MIXED TRENDS IN COVID-19 ACTIVITY, SEES BENEFITS OF WEARING FACE COVERINGS

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### State reports mixed trends in COVID-19 activity, sees benefits of wearing face coverings

The state Department of Health (DOH) on Friday released the latest [statewide situation report](#), which reflects varying COVID-19 trends in different regions and age groups. The report suggests areas of improvement are likely driven by behavior changes like wearing face coverings and staying six feet apart when away from home.

Report findings include:

- **Transmission is likely still increasing in western Washington as of mid-July.** The best estimate of the reproductive number (the estimated number of new people each COVID-19 patient will infect) for that region remains above one. The goal is a reproductive number well below one, which would mean the number of people

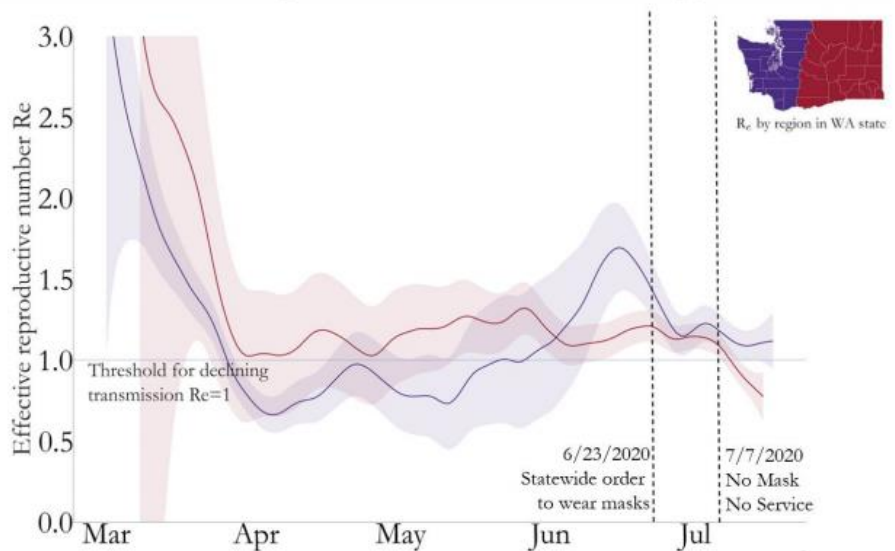
getting COVID-19 is declining. To reach that goal, we must redouble efforts to stay home when possible, keep interactions with others brief and wear face coverings.

- **Transmission is slowing overall in eastern Washington.** This report is the first time the reproductive number for eastern Washington has been confidently estimated below one. Maintaining or intensifying current levels of reduced activity, social distancing and mask use will be critical to keeping the reproductive number below one.
- **Some concerning trends continue in both eastern and western Washington, with cases again increasing in people age 40 to 69 and over 70.** This is alarming because the risk of hospitalization and death is significantly higher for these age groups.
- **Looking at individual counties' case data reveals additional areas of concern.** Overall rises in the Puget Sound area, particularly Pierce County, point to increasing transmission there. In eastern Washington, encouraging declines in Yakima, Benton and Franklin counties are offset by rises in Okanogan, Chelan and Douglas counties.
- **Any flattening in new cases appears to be due to changes in behavior like vigilant use of face coverings and keeping physical distance, rather than changes to people's mobility.** Recent changes in transmission rates don't correlate to trends in cellphone mobility data, which plateaued starting in June.

"I'm very concerned to see these increases in older age groups, as we predicted. This was likely following the recent spike among younger people," said Secretary of Health John Wiesman. "We all have a responsibility to protect the most vulnerable people in our communities. The good news is that wearing face coverings and keeping our distance is working. What each of us does matters, and we must all aggressively maintain these habits to make progress."

For more information, read the [full press release](#).

We estimate that the effective reproductive number in eastern WA is now confidently under one overall, while in western Washington it remains above one with high probability. In both regions, transmission has slowed relative to mid-June levels, with timing consistent with state-wide masking policies.



**Figure 1:** The effective reproductive number is estimated for eastern (red) and western (purple) WA, with the 95% confidence interval shaded. Our estimates suggest that  $R_e$  recently fell below 1 in eastern WA for the first time, but has likely remained above 1 in western WA. Overlaid on the plot are the timings of recent masking policy changes. While we cannot from this region-level data definitively attribute decelerating transmission to these policies, the timing of changes, particularly in eastern WA, suggests that masking and related physical distancing behaviors are having a positive effect across the state. For details on how these estimates are generated, see our [technical report](#).

## NEW INDOOR FITNESS RULES GO INTO EFFECT

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Changes to Phase 2 "Safe Start" requirements for indoor fitness and training facilities went into effect statewide on Monday. For specifics, see the full update here: <https://bit.ly/Phase2Gym>.

The Joint Information Center also released a brief video detailing the changes.

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## MONROE APPROVES MORE THAN \$50,000 IN BUSINESS RELIEF GRANTS, TAKING MORE APPLICATIONS

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The first round of approved grants went to [19 Monroe businesses](#). The awards range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 and were approved by the City Council at its July 28 regular

meeting.

The council also authorized a second round of the Small Business Relief Grants, totaling \$39,360. Grant applications are due to Monroe City Hall no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, August 14.

Guidelines, eligibility information and the grant application can be found at: <https://monroewa.gov/948/Small-Business-Relief-Grant>.

CARES is the [Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act](#). It is providing more than \$2 trillion in economic assistance across the U.S.

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A free curbside grocery distribution is planned for 3-6 p.m. Thursday at Horizon Elementary School, 222 W. Casino Road, in Everett. The event has multiple sponsors, including Snohomish County, Mukilteo School District and the Communities of Color Coalition.

## HAVE YOU COMPLETED YOUR CENSUS It's not too late!



## WHERE TO FIND RENTAL ASSISTANCE

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## Where to find rental assistance



The state Department of Commerce last week called attention to \$100 million in rental assistance for Washington communities. Funds will focus on preventing evictions by paying up to three months of past due, current, and future rent to landlords for eligible

participants.

Commerce does not provide this assistance directly to the public. Rental assistance will be provided through local housing providers in your community. Please [sign-up here to receive an email notification](#) when the service provider list and applications are available.

For more information please visit Commerce's [webpage](#) and read the [news release](#).

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ensure that the information collected continue to be timely and relevant given the continuing nature of the pandemic.

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## VEHICLE REGISTRATION RENEWAL NOTICES SLOWED BY PANDEMIC

The Washington Department of Licensing reminds vehicle owners that mailed reminders are a courtesy and it is still the responsibility of the owner to renew tabs before they expire.

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## NEW IHME COVID-19 FORECASTS SEE NEARLY 300,000 DEATHS BY DECEMBER 1

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The Household Pulse Survey is designed to collect real-time data on how people's lives have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic to inform federal and state response and recovery planning.

Results of the first phase of the Household Pulse Survey are available through the [Household Pulse Survey Interactive Tool](#), [detailed tables](#) and a public use data file on the website.

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## Vehicle registration renewal notices slowed by pandemic



The Washington State Department of Licensing (DOL) usually sends a notification reminding owners to renew their vehicle registration, but in July, the pandemic and a change in process held up thousands of mailed notices and left owners wondering why the notices came weeks later after their tabs officially expired. DOL explained that these notices are courtesy reminders and it is still the responsibility of owners to renew their tabs before it expires.

Owners have different options to renew their tabs: [online](#) or by mail.

Owners who did not receive a renewal notice in a timely manner may get an estimate [online](#) or call DOL at 360-902-3770.

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## New IHME COVID-19 Forecasts See Nearly 300,000 Deaths by December 1

America's COVID-19 death toll is expected to reach nearly 300,000 by December 1; however, consistent mask-wearing beginning today could save about 70,000 lives, according to new data from the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) at the University of Washington's School of Medicine.

The IHME estimates that if 95% of the people in the U.S. were to wear masks when leaving their homes, forecasted deaths by December would decrease 49%.

IHME's model assumes that states will reimpose a series of mandates, including non-essential business closures and stay-at-home orders, when the daily death rate reaches 8 per million. This threshold is based on data regarding when states and/or communities imposed mandates in March and April, and implies that many states will have to reimpose mandates.

As a result, the model suggests which states will need to reimpose mandates and when:

**August** – Arizona, Florida, Mississippi, and South Carolina

**September** – Georgia and Texas

**October** – Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Nevada, North Carolina, and Oregon.

**November** – Alabama, Arkansas, California, Iowa, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Utah, **Washington**, and Wisconsin.

However, if mask use is increased to 95%, the re-imposition of stricter mandates could be delayed 6 to 8 weeks on average.

For more information please read IHME's [news release](#).



## CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE CASES OF COVID-19 IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Data on case counts are available on the Snohomish Health District [website](#) and the Washington State Department of Health [dashboard](#).

## ESSENTIAL LINKS AND PHONE NUMBERS FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION

- [Snohomish Health District](#)
- [Snohomish County](#)
- [Snohomish County COVID- 19 Response & Community Resource Hub](#)
- [Washington State](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- Snohomish County COVID-19 Phone Line: **425-388-3944**
- Línea telefónica COVID-19 del condado de Snohomish: **425-388-7120**
- Washington State COVID-19 Hotline: Call **1-800-525-0127** or text **211-211** for help.

## Confirmed and Probable Cases of COVID-19 in Snohomish County (as of August 10, 2020)

Case Count	Last Updated: 3:00 p.m.
Confirmed	5,556 (up 133 cases from 8/7)
Probable	678 (no increase from 8/7)
Deaths	193

Jurisdiction	Last Updated: 3:00 p.m.
Arlington	262 (147 recovered)
Bothell*	465 (260 recovered)
Brier	30 (23 recovered)
Darrington	<5 (<5 recovered)
Edmonds	517 (370 recovered)
Everett	1,813 (1,145 recovered)
Gold Bar	11 (<5 recovered)
Granite Falls	44 (30 recovered)
Index	0
Lake Stevens	281 (157 recovered)
Lynnwood	1,003 (684 recovered)
Marysville	539 (340 recovered)
Mill Creek	102 (57 recovered)
Monroe	223 (104 recovered)
Mountlake Terrace	178 (125 recovered)
Mukilteo	103 (75 recovered)
Snohomish	379 (189 recovered)
Stanwood	167 (117 recovered)
Sultan	30 (8 recovered)
Tulalip	44 (26 recovered)
Unknown/Other	<5 (<5 recovered)
Woodinville*	23 (14 recovered)
Woodway	13 (8 recovered)

Numbers less than 5 are suppressed to protect medical privacy. Unknown includes cases still under investigation. \*Counts are for portions in Snohomish County only.